



## **IAFL Introduction to European Family Law Conference**

### **23 & 24 October 2025**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025: 9:00 – 10:30**

#### **Session 4: Married and unmarried couples: Maintenance and other financial consequences when relationships breakdown**

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### **Profile**

Dr. Christopher Reibetanz is a post-doctoral researcher at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany. He studied law at Bucerius Law School and University of Cambridge. From 2021-2025, he worked as a doctoral research and teaching assistant at a chair for civil law, private international and comparative law. During his PhD research, he focussed on private international law, especially international family law. His PhD thesis on de facto unions was published in spring 2025 ('Das Kollisionsrecht der faktischen Lebensgemeinschaft', Mohr Siebeck 2025).

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Avocate à la Cour. Attorney at the Paris Bar. Graduated in English Law and French Law (King's College London), in International Private Law and International Trade (Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. Member of the Expert Commission in Family Law for the Bar of Paris. Contact point for the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN). Frequent lecturer in international family law, notably at the Paris Bar School (EFB) and the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature. Member of the ""Institut du droit de la famille et du patrimoine"" (Institute of family law and private client's assets management). Bilingual in English and French. Deals exclusively with family law cases, with a large practice in international family law (divorce, custody, successions, maintenance issues, property division, adoptions, Hague Convention cases, same-sex partnerships, marriages and parentage...).

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## **Profile**

Alex is a partner at Withers in London. He advises on all aspects of family law including divorce, financial disputes, cohabitation, children matters and pre and postnuptial agreements. He has particular experience in dealing with complex international divorce cases, forum disputes, multi-jurisdictional asset portfolios, and enforcement tactics. Alex regularly advises on private children matters and has successfully represented clients in international relocation cases, including in the Court of Appeal. He acts regularly for clients negotiating pre and post-nuptial agreements, both for those based in England, and those based internationally with connections to England.

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## **Profile**

Lukas is a qualified German lawyer and certified family law specialist. He holds a German law degree from the University of Düsseldorf and a French Master II degree from the University of Cergy-Pontoise. He is a partner at the Düsseldorf-based boutique family and inheritance law firm WHL Weiss Hippler Leidinger, where he advises clients on all aspects of German and international family law.

He has almost a decade of experience working on cross-border cases involving foreign jurisdictions such as England and Wales, France, several U.S. states, Spain, Hong Kong, India and Australia. Due to his background in corporate law, he has a particular interest in cases involving complex property structures. Lukas is a member of the [International Private Clients and Family Law Commission](#) of [AIJA](#) and frequently speaks about German family law at national and international conferences.

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## **Profile**

Lovisa Janhagen is an attorney at Lindskog Malmström Lawfirm in Stockholm. Lovisa Janhagen is specialized in Swedish and international family law and inheritance law. Lovisa Janhagen primarily represents her clients in disputes regarding division of marital property or disputes regarding inheritance. Lovisa Janhagen is also often consulted regarding the drafting of legal documents such as wills, prenuptial agreements and cohabitation agreements.

## **Areas of practice**

Swedish and international family law, Swedish and international inheritance law.

## **Education**

LL.M, Stockholm University

Exchange semester at Humboldt University, Berlin

## **Experience**

Lindskog Malmström Lawfirm, 2018-

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